

The Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group Aviation Committee meeting notes, 02/01/06
Denver Colorado at the Rocky Mountain Coordination Center

In Attendance

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| John Glenn | RMCG liaison | |
| Tom Landon | USDA Forest Service Region 2 | via phone |
| Debbie Bozarth | Rocky Mountain Coordination Center Representative | |
| Cathy Hutton | Rocky Mountain Dispatch Representative | |
| Ray Weidenhaft | Wyoming State Forestry | |
| Sergio R. Lopes | Colorado State Forestry | |
| LaVerne Hermanson | South Dakota Fire Suppression | |
| J Kent Hamilton | Wyoming/Colorado BLM | |
| Kevin Fox | US Fish and Wildlife Service | |
| Scott McDermid | National Park Service | via phone |

Meeting Notes:

First order of Business, select chair and vice-chair; **J Kent Hamilton** was nominated, and accepted the 2 year chair position. **LaVerne Hermanson** was nominated and accepted the vice-chair.

The Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group Aviation Committee RMCGAC charter was reviewed by the committee. The revised and updated charter will be again reviewed by the committee, then forwarded for approval to the RMCG chair.

Focus then shifted to updating and revising the RMA Mobilization guide; this took the better part of 2 hours, Debbie Bozarth will finalize updates and send draft to committee for final review.

Round table discussion from members:

- Sergio: Coordination is very important for the RMA aviation community...
- Ray: Gave an overview of the Wyoming State Helicopter program for 06'...Some discussion by the group on Federal agency use, cooperators status, and use in Northern Rockies and Great Basin Geographic Areas...
- Deb: gave a quick overview of the new Air Tactical Module coming to Ross sometime in March...
- Kent: Addressed retardant ordering issues in Colorado, focused on SEAT bases, and charging issues...
- Kevin: Came from Alaska, is very interested in establishing and knowing interagency networks

- Scott: Cliff Chetwin will retire in April, NPS will have a new representative added to the group...Is involved with RMA training committee, would like aviation input on aviation training, 271, etc...
- Cathy: Inquired on FS direction for aviation training (employees, supervisors, etc)...Needs/would like direction similar to what DOI provides with OPMs...Guidance is expected soon from FS national aviation office...
- LaVerne: This is a wonderful opportunity to communicate and coordinate within the Rocky Mountain Area aviation community... Listed examples of great coordination in Northern Rockies...

General Discussion Items:

- Do we need to meet in Cheyenne for the Spring meeting? *No...*
- Do we need Coordination Conference Calls? ***The chair will decide when and if calls are needed***
- Chairman or vice chair will meet with RMCG at the spring meeting in Cheyenne to give an overview of the Aviation Committee is doing & present charter.
- We need a mailing/phone list for the Aviation Committee.
- Add Hank Dominguez to the Aviation Committee to add helicopter expertise
- Discussion on conference calls, under what situations do we need them? Focus on RMCG business rather than MAC... Region 2 FS has conference calls during high tempo periods, Kent will assure all interagency partners have the opportunity to participate in these calls.

| <i>Actions Item:</i> | <i>Who</i> | <i>When/Due Date</i> |
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| <i>#1. Update Av Committee Charter:</i> | <i>John Glenn</i> | <i>2/2/06</i> |
| <i>#2. Comment on Av Committee Charter</i> | <i>All</i> | <i>2/6/06</i> |
| <i>#3. Review Av Committee notes Provide comments to John Glenn</i> | <i>All</i> | <i>2/6/06</i> |
| <i>#4. Attend RMCG meeting in Cheyenne Update on Av Committee activities/issues Present Charter for approval</i> | <i>Chair or Vice</i> | <i>4/5/06</i> |
| <i>#5. Add Hank Domingues to the Av Committee Approve through Regional Office & FS RMCG Representative Bill Ott</i> | <i>Chair</i> | <i>ASAP</i> |
| <i>#6. Write RMA mobilization guide modifications finalize inputs</i> | <i>Chair/Debbie</i> | <i>ASAP</i> |
| <i>#7. Send mobilization guide changes to Av</i> | <i>Debbie</i> | <i>ASAP</i> |

Committee members

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| <i>#8. Comment on final mobilization guide Changes</i> | <i>All</i> | <i>ASAP</i> |
| <i>#9. Post notes, membership, and charter on RMCG web page</i> | <i>Debbie</i> | <i>When Approved</i> |
| <i>#10. Forward notes to RMCG/Other Chairs</i> | <i>John</i> | <i>When Approved</i> |